

§ 2.1308

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§ 2.1308 Commission action on a hearing request or intervention petition.

(a) In considering a hearing request or intervention petition on an application for a transfer of an NRC license, the Commission will consider:

(1) The nature of the Petitioner's alleged interest;

(2) Whether that interest will be affected by an approval or denial of the application for transfer;

(3) The possible effect of an order granting the request for license transfer on that interest, including whether the relief requested is within the Commission's authority, and, if so, whether granting the relief requested would redress the alleged injury; and

(4) Whether the issues sought to be litigated are—

(i) Within the scope of the proceeding;

(ii) Relevant to the findings the Commission must make to act on the application for license transfer;

(iii) Appropriate for litigation in the proceeding; and

(iv) Adequately supported by the statements, allegations, and documentation required by § 2.1306(b)(2) (iii) and (iv).

(b) Untimely hearing requests or intervention petitions may be denied unless good cause for failure to file on time is established. In reviewing untimely requests or petitions, the Commission will also consider:

(1) The availability of other means by which the requestor's or petitioner's interest will be protected or represented by other participants in a hearing; and

(2) The extent to which the issues will be broadened or final action on the application delayed.

(c) The Commission will deny a request or petition to the extent it pertains solely to matters outside its jurisdiction.

(d)(1) After consideration of the factors covered by paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section, the Commission will issue a notice or order granting or denying a hearing request or intervention petition, designating the issues for any hearing that will be held and designating the Presiding Officer. A notice granting a hearing will be published in

the FEDERAL REGISTER and served on the parties to the hearing.

(2) Hearings under this subpart will be oral hearings, unless, within 15 days of the service of the notice or order granting a hearing, the parties unanimously agree and file a joint motion requesting a hearing consisting of written comments. No motion to hold a hearing consisting of written comments will be entertained absent unanimous consent of all parties.

(3) A denial of a request for hearing and a denial of any petition to intervene will set forth the reasons for the denial.

§ 2.1309 Notice of oral hearing.

(a) A notice of oral hearing will—

(1) State the time, place, and issues to be considered;

(2) Provide names and addresses of participants,

(3) Specify the time limit for participants and others to indicate whether they wish to present views;

(4) Specify the schedule for the filing of written testimony, statements of position, proposed questions for the Presiding Officer to consider, and rebuttal testimony consistent with the schedule provisions of § 2.1321.

(5) Specify that the oral hearing shall commence within 15 days of the date for submittal of rebuttal testimony unless otherwise ordered;

(6) State any other instructions the Commission deems appropriate;

(7) If so determined by the NRC staff or otherwise directed by the Commission, direct that the staff participate as a party with respect to some or all issues.

(b) If the Commission is not the Presiding Officer, the notice of oral hearing will also state:

(1) When the jurisdiction of the Presiding Officer commences and terminates;

(2) The powers of the Presiding Officer;

(3) Instructions to the Presiding Officer to certify promptly the completed hearing record to the Commission without a recommended or preliminary decision.